

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Mantra of a Jesus Follower

By Pastor Steve Jewell

"In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."

(Hebrews 1:2)

Seeing Is Believing

Examples abound of those in Scripture who were graciously granted a vision of God that permanently changed the direction of their earthly life, as well as the destination of their eternity. In their case, "seeing" God led them to "believe" in God.

God appeared and spoke to Noah, the one through whom God would enact a kind of purge and purification of the earth. God appeared and spoke to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, selecting their lineage to be those to whom God would be uniquely present



and through whom God would uniquely act. God appeared and spoke to Moses, declaring what "holiness unto the Lord" must look like in God's people. God appeared and spoke to David, thus setting him apart as an earthly foreshadowing of God's eternal Kingdom and God's exalted rule. God appeared and spoke to numerous prophets and prophetesses who exposed the sins of nations and individuals, called them to repent and return to the LORD, and foretold of a Redeemer who would one day come.

Most gloriously, God appeared and spoke to the entire universe through His Son, Jesus Christ, by whom forgiveness, deliverance, new birth, a holy life, and eternal security is given to those who trust Christ as their Savior. So too for us, that by "seeing" Christ we might "believe" in Christ.

Believing Is Seeing

Just as seeing can lead to believing, believing dramatically impacts our seeing. Jesus, emphasizing the necessity of new birth, said as much. Jesus asserted, "...unless someone is



February Birthdays

Michael Kratt	2/3
Lois Bringhurst	2/4
Janet Husband	2/6
Garrett Bushue	2/8
Taylor Mullin	
Olivia Petty	
Susan Smith	2/9
Matt Perry	2/11
Andrew Kratt	2/12
Kate Kratt	
Donovan Maslowski	2/13
Anuji Abraham	2/25
Natalie Hayden	2/26
Barbara Keyser	

February Anniversaries



born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom." (John 3:3) This implies that believing in Jesus opens our eyes to see God, as well as the world, others, and ourselves, in an entirely new and crystal clear way. What this means is, faith in Christ, which makes us into a "new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17), heals our blindness, corrects our skewed eye sight, sharpens our blurred vision, and focuses our attention on what and who matters most.

Such new "seeing" awakens in us an unquenchable delight in God, a cherishing of others as divine image bearers, a stewarding of all we have (and are!) as given by God and available to God, motivates us to give up our old way of life in order to grow in resemblance to Christ Jesus, moors us immovably to God amid the storms of life, and joyfully burdens us to make the saving work of Christ known to our neighbors and the nations.

How Is Your Seeing and Believing

How is your seeing? Has Jesus Christ appeared and spoken to you, calling you to trust Him? How is your believing? Have you responded to the Lord Jesus? Has seeing and believing Jesus Christ permanently changed the direction of your earthly life, as well as the destination of your eternity. Of all the concerns and considerations in this world, Jesus Christ is by far the most important of all.

One of the ways I approach this subject with those who haven't yet trusted Jesus is by using what's printed on the backside of my business card. I call it "The Mantra of a Jesus Follower". Would you consider this "mantra"? And if this is your story, go ahead and share this "mantra" with others, as just one way to boldly love your neighbors and the nations by telling them of Christ's amazing and relentless love.

Graciously in Christ,

Pastor Steve

The Mantra of a Jesus Follower

1. I'm a complete screw up.

(Romans 3:23)

2. Because of Jesus, my future is filled with hope.

(Galatians 2:20)

3. This can be your story, too.

(Romans 10:13)

If you'd like to talk about being a Jesus follower,
text me or give me a call.



The 2021 Season of Lent

The forty day period of preparation for Easter known as Lent is upon us. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and concludes on the Saturday before Easter, April 3. During this season of Lent, would you consider deepening your devotion to Christ by journeying with us through the cross of Christ and into Christ's resurrection?

Here are a few ways we can pursue together such a deepening of our relationship with Christ.

Invest in your devotion to Christ by participating in weekly services of worship. In addition to our Sunday services at 11 AM, we will also gather (in-person and via Livestream) for an Ash Wednesday service on February 17 at 7 PM. Discussions about and plans for services during Holy Week are still in the works. More information about these will come forth very soon.

Another idea for stirring your love for Christ is by embracing one or all of the ideas on this infographic:



Another way to strengthen your trust in Christ is by spending each day in God's Word. There are numerous Bible reading plans you can follow. Or, you might find it helpful to read a daily devotional. By clicking the link below (or picking up a printed copy in the church Narthex), as a community of believers we can work through the same devotional. This might be an encouraging conversation starter, a helpful prompt for mutual prayer, and a source of strength to bind us together as God's people.

May you know and cherish the Lord Jesus Christ this Lenten season.

[Psalms: Anatomy of the Soul](http://images.rca.org/docs/resources/LentDevosChaplains.pdf)
<http://images.rca.org/docs/resources/LentDevosChaplains.pdf>

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As Christ's disciples, we are made for community. This community is where our love for Christ is deepened, our faith in Christ grows, and our lives are offered in service of our neighbors and the nations.

As we adjust to the current circumstances, many of our discipleship groups are still on hold. However, some groups have started meeting again. For more information, consider "doing life together" by joining one or more of the following opportunities.

Opportunities for Children

Christian Education for Children

Unfortunately, the youngest of our church family are those who are most disrupted by COVID-19. Much prayer and discussion has taken place on how to best care for and encourage families in growing their children in their love for Jesus.

Here are a few ways to invest in and involve your children in knowing and growing in Jesus:

1. A children's message is included in our worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This message will take place in the first fifteen minutes of our services.
2. In the Bible, the family was established as the first church. Therefore, we encourage families to read and talk about God's Word together. If you need ideas and resources on how to do this, please don't hesitate to contact Janice Kim or Pastor Steve.

If the Lord puts an idea on your heart, please let Janice Kim know. We will gladly see if we can make it happen.

Opportunities for Youth

Youth Online Worship

All young people are invited to join the weekly online worship service hosted by Janice Kim via YouTube.

For more information, please contact Janice, and she will gladly get you connected to this dynamic time of worship.

Adult Educational Opportunities

Koinonia Sunday School Class

This group studies, prays, and grows together in *koinonia* (Greek for "community"). The current study is an in-depth survey of church history. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Bob Williams-Neal for more information.

Women's Sunday School Class

This class brings women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. This is a fun-loving group of women who enjoy studying God's Word together. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM via Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Barb Sheeler.

Small Group Opportunities

The Quest

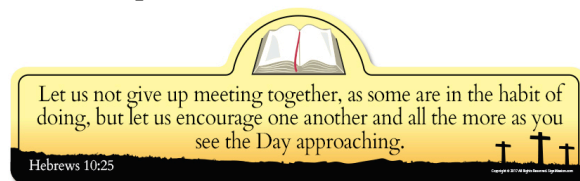
Those who are young, and young in heart, are invited to join in the quest of growing in Christ through the study of God's Word and the fellowship of mutual encouragement. This group meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10 AM.

Sunday Evening Seekers

This is a casual group of believers who gather on Sunday evenings at 5 PM to engage with God's Word, to encourage one another in Christ, and to enjoy the fellowship of other believers. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve.

TPW (Trinity Presbyterian Women)

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 10:30 in the Parlor. Everyone brings a small bag lunch, while sweets and coffee are provided. Along with Bible study, these ladies share life together. Masks and socially distanced seating is provided. Call Sandra at (502) 593-4014 for questions and more information



MISSION NEWS & UPDATES

The Burrito Riders

Kits for making burritos are now available in the Narthex. Please consider making a batch and leaving them in the church freezer. Any help we can offer the Burrito Riders ministry will go a long way in showing the love of Christ to many of the homeless in Louisville.



Center for Faith & Art

The Faith & Art Center is getting started again with some baby steps. Recently, the Center has welcomed the Trinity Preschool students to work with clay. They've begun by making hearts and Easter bunnies.



We have five private students working in the studio on Tuesdays.

Open studio is available on Wednesday mornings for anyone who would like to work with some clay.

We sent out thirty Valentine's to our students from Cedar Lake.

We are looking forward to seeing more of our students very soon, once some restrictions on social spacing begin to ease up.

Gratefully yours,
Candy Wheat

MISSION NEWS & UPDATES**SHOEBOX SEASON NEWS**

Thanks again to everyone who supported the ministry of Operation Christmas Child by shopping, donating, sewing, packing, loading, etc. You made Trinity's Shoebox Season 2020 successful. Our church packed 363 boxes and with your generous donations, we were able to cover the shipping costs for every box! We also have the 2020 worldwide numbers to share. Despite the COVID challenge, 9,113,853 shoeboxes were donated worldwide. This includes 7,809,410 donated in the U.S. Of that

count, 415,403 were built online. Each shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a child, and in the year 2020 (praise God!), nearly **1.1 million children made decisions for Christ!!**



In an earlier sermon, Pastor Steve suggested that if we were looking for a resolution for the new year, "Grow in Jesus and Go in Jesus" would be appropriate, as this sums up the mission for all Christians.

Samaritan's Purse, through Operation Christmas Child, provides the opportunity to share the Good News with children around the world, and we are certainly grateful to Max and Sheryl and Lois for bringing this ministry to Trinity Presbyterian Church many years ago!

And so, resolved to "Go in Jesus", the Mission Committee has set a goal of 400 boxes for the 2021 Shoebox Season! To meet this goal, we are asking you to consider making shoebox gift donations throughout the year so our supplies will be ready to go when packing season rolls around. We are providing a year-round calendar shopping guide published by Samaritan's Purse. Please review this guide and note the suggested donations for each month. For February, the items requested are fashion accessories. This would include items such as sunglasses, hair bows, hair ties, watches, and jewelry. Happy Shopping!

You may drop off your donations anytime into the bin provided in the Narthex. We will periodically gather the donations and update our inventory. If you are not going into stores to shop, please consider making online purchases. If you are reluctant to shop online, we are happy to complete an online transaction for you. Contact Susan Dawson at 870-838-5662 to make arrangements.

Please pray with us that Trinity's 2021 Shoebox Season will be exceedingly fruitful of God's Kingdom!

Love. Grow. Serve.

GUIDE TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD YEAR-ROUND SHOEBOX SHOPPING, PACKING, & TIPS

Savvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, personalizing, and fundraising for shoebox gifts. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world! Use this year-round guide to maximize your impact for the Gospel.

YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING



"If you start purchasing items for the box in January, by November you have made a nice Christmas box." — **Vicki D.**

<p>January</p> <p>Hats, Gloves, & Scarves</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Fashion Accessories</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Quality Crafts</p>	<p>April</p> <p>Stuffed Animals</p>
<p>May</p> <p>Hygiene Items</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Quality Toys</p>	<p>July</p> <p>Clothing</p>	<p>August</p> <p>School Supplies</p>
<p>September</p> <p>Games</p>	<p>October</p> <p>Letter & Photo</p>	<p>November</p> <p>\$9 Donation Per Shoebox</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Prayer</p>

“Thank You, so very much”

To Our Trinity Family,

We are well aware of how unusual and challenging 2020 has been for all of us. And yet, you, our beloved Trinity family, still generously showered your love over us through your generous gift to all of us staff members. We are so thankful for your support, prayer, encouragement, and gestures of kindness.

We certainly hope this new year will provide all of us new and renewed opportunities to show our neighbors and the nations the amazing love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thankfully yours,
The Staff of Trinity Presbyterian Church



February 17

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM

March 14

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 28

Palm Sunday

April 4

Easter Sunday

love. grow. serve.

Shepherd the flock of God.

1 PETER 5:2

Mini-Flocks

TPC Elder Care Ministry

These are the mini-flocks to which each of our elders are assigned, as well as the mini-flock elder to whom each of us is assigned. Please get to know your mini-flock elder, for God has called them to build a relationship with you and to offer care to you as we LOVE, GROW, & SERVE the Lord together.

If you notice a name that is absent, this is an unfortunate oversight. Please let [Pastor Steve](#) know, and we will be sure to add them to our mini-flock list. For along with the Lord Jesus, we do not want to lose any of the flock God has entrusted to our care (see John 6:39).

<u>Marc Bushue</u> (2021)	<u>Bert Lundstrom</u> (2021)	<u>Bonnie Mullin</u> (2021)
Tim Barnum David & Jude (Bloor) Brandt Andy & Madison Cannava Don & Mardi Crosser Ron & Susan Dawson Patrick & Anna Hayden Karl & Brittney Maslowski Kyle & Bonnie Mullin Greg & Jenny Rousos Ghyll Simoneschi	Won Joo Ahn Steve & Cathy Conn Tom & Cathy Dawson Laura Edwards Amy Elder Brad & Mary Harville (Doug & Clay) Sandy Koukola Aileen Lucas Jean Paulman Melissa Weaver	Anuji Abraham Steve Edwards Imad El-Imam Ruth French Jennifer Hacker Carol Hartmann Barbara Keyser Bert & Suzanne Lundstrom Chris & Emily Mullin Brian & Heather Wallace
<u>Ron Dawson</u> (2022)	<u>Amy Elder</u> (2022)	<u>Carol Hartmann</u> (2022)
Susan Bauer Marc & Sherie Bushue Marie Farris Dennis & Brenda Miller Jerry Pender Matt & Rebecca Perry Andrew & Jennifer Petty C.R. & Ann Marie Redcorn Barbara Sheeler George Stone	Beth Bloss Margaret Bloss Barbara Cooke Robyn Hetman Kenny & Kay Hines Yohan & Janice Kim Josh & Elizabeth Latham Irvin Ottman Collette Sangster	Lois Bringhurst Harper & Marilyn Davis Becky Douglas David & Ann Douglas Thomas Douglas Joe Hoffert (Nick) W. Clarke & Marty Johnson Jim & Elizabeth McDaniel Jackie Morrow Steve & Kay Nolan
<u>Matt Perry</u> (2023)	<u>Kenny Hines</u> (2023)	<u>Cathy Con</u> (2023)
Chris & Maria Hall Paul & Sandra Hollensead Steven & Diane Jewell Kathy MacDonald Max & Sheryl Oyler James & Elizabeth Ray Dottie Watson Martha Warrick Bob & Camille Williams-Neal	Charles & Greta Bemisderfer Judy Davids (Kathy) Bill & Janet Husband Jane Kurfees Randi & Jeanne Lind Betty Muse Sharon Fay Roy Philip & Linda Strohmeier Sheryl Yoffe	Luci Fulmore Abraham & Geetha Joseph Linda Jones & Charlie Ball Jack & Deb Kelly Ted & Virginia Kozak Mike & Jill McCullough Sherry Pritts Carol Redd (Stacy) Jack & Candy Wheat

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Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors, and especially those eager to encounter and enjoy the presence of Christ!

Our Sunday morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. We offer both in-person and Livestream access to this time of worship.

Both in-person Sunday School and child care continues to be suspended.

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